SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir whether interest-free advances were given only once or they were given oftener as and when the demand came from Messrs. Parry and Company? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" I have said that it was a lump sum that was paid. I do not have any information about instalmental payments."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I take it that it is not known to Government what will be the ultimate loss till the audit report is scrutinized? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" Yes, Sir."

ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" May I know, Sir, whether any such advance was given to other companies?."

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" There was only one company that was dehydrating potatoes, and that was Messrs Parry & Co."

Motor Transport Co-operative Societies for Ex-Servicemen.

* 63 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : With reference to answer to question No. 159 answered on 23rd April 1947 will the Hon. the Minister for Food be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Motor Transport Co-operative Societies for ex-servicemen so far organized, the number of members, share-capital collected, etc. ;

(*b*) whether Managers are being appointed in these Societies; and if so, who the appointing authority is;

(*c*) whether these Managers are governed by any Service Rules regarding their status, emoluments, etc. ;

(*d*) whether the Director of Resettlement is competent to appoint any one he likes without insisting on qualifications, etc. ; and

(*e*) who the Managers appointed are, their qualifications, salary fixed, etc.?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" (*a*) The Government accorded general approval for the formation of 20 Motor Transport Co-operative Societies for ex-servicemen. It has been decided to form 12 societies for the present. There were 1,780 members with a share-capital of Rs. 3,98,074 on 10th June 1947.

" (*b*) Managers have been selected for seven societies by the Director of Resettlement and Employment. Their appointment will have to be approved by the Board of Directors of the concerned societies after the societies have started work.

" (*c*) The posts of Managers are not governed by any service rules.

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"(*d*) Generally those who were Commissioned Officers are selected as Managers, but no qualification has been prescribed. The Director of Resettlement and Employment selects, after interviewing the candidates.

"(*e*) The scale of pay for Managers is Rs. 300—10—500 including all allowances. A statement [a] giving other details is annexed."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—"May I know, Sir, whether any I.N.A. men have been appointed as Managers?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—"Yes, Sir."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—"May I know whether the Director of Resettlement advertised for these posts so that I.N.A. men and others could apply?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—"I don't think it was advertised."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—"May I know whether I.N.A. men are eligible to be members of these societies?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—"Yes, Sir."

Export of groundnut oil.

* 64 *Q.*—R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Food be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the conditions governing export of groundnut oil from this Province were when there was ban on export of oil;

(*b*) the Provinces to which export of groundnut oil was permitted by the Government of India;

(*c*) whether Messrs. Snow White Food Products, Limited, Calcutta, were granted permits to export large quantities of groundnut oil to Bengal when there was either no quota for Bengal or the quota had been exhausted;

(*d*) the quantity of oil exported by the said firm;

(*e*) whether there were other applicants also seeking quota for export of oil to Bengal, and if so, why Messrs. Snow White Food Products, Limited, alone was preferred; and

(*f*) whether tenders were invited before choosing that firm?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—"(*a*) There was a ban on the export of groundnut oil outside this Province from 30th January 1946 to 4th March 1947. Up to the end of the groundnut year 1945–46 (i.e., up to November 1946) export of groundnut oil from this Province to places in India were allowed under permits issued by the Commissioner of Civil Supplies, Madras, in favour of recognized dealers and millers of this Province. To be eligible for such permits, a dealer should have exported in a year not less than 1,000 Imperial maunds of groundnut oil outside the Province for at least two

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